

References

The *Contract Specialist Workbook (CSW)* is a publication of the Federal Acquisition Institute (FAI), available from the FAI Home Page on the World Wide Web. Office of Federal Procurement Policy Letter 92-3 establishes the Workbook as a Governmentwide standard for training the contracting workforce.

FAR is the “Federal Acquisition Regulation”.

FASA is the “Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act”.

FAC is the acronym for “Federal Acquisition Circular”. FACs convey loose-leaf change pages to subscribers of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR).

Conventions

Functions are described as performed by Federal contracting officers and specialists.

A parenthetical reference is provided for each teaching point. Section numbers (e.g., §14.201-6) are from the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR). The related Federal Acquisition Circular (FAC) is identified by its number (e.g., FAC 90-29). The case number is that assigned to the particular rule. The CSW Unit and Task numbers refer to Units of Instruction and tasks from the Contract Specialist Workbook.

Icons

-  Changes related to streamlining the acquisition of commercial items.
-  Changes in policies related to audits, cost principles, pricing information, and related certifications.
-  Changes related to evaluating contractor past performance.
-  Changes to support electronic commerce.
-  Other changes.

For More Information

The Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition Reform has arranged for the publication of an unofficial “Before/After FAR” — with strikethroughs and bold letters to indicate respectively deletions and additions made to the FAR by FACs 90-26 through 90-33. This and other documents related to acquisition reform can be obtained from the following sources.

- The FAI Home Page on the World Wide Web:
<http://www.gsa.gov/staff/v/training.htm>
- The DAU Home Page on the World Wide Web:
<http://www.acq.osd.mil/dau/dau.html>

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